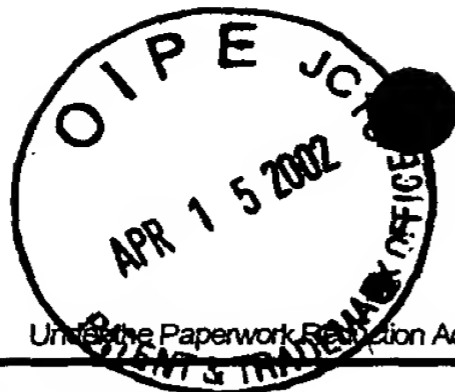


Date
Considered



PTO/SB/08B (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449/APTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

2

of

2

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/960,208
Filing Date	September 22, 2001
First Named Inventor	Robert Joseph Statz, et al.
Group Art Unit	1712
Examiner Name	UNKNOWN
Attorney Docket Number	AD6597 US CIP

OTHER PRIOR ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
DB		PCT International Search Report for International application No. PCT/US00/28822, dated 1/16/2001	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>

RECEIVED
APR 18 2002
TC 1700Examiner
Signature

David Butler

Date
Considered

10/23/02

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



PTO/SE

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. Of

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB

m 1449A/PTO

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

of

Attorney Docket Number

Complete if Known

Application Number

09/960,208

Filing Date

September 22, 2001

First Named Inventor

Robert Joseph Statz, et

Group Art Unit

1712

Examiner Name

UNKNOWN

Attorney Docket Number

AD6597 US CIP

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ₈
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
DB ↓	/	GB	2 164 342	A	Dunlop Limited	3/19/1986		
	/	JP	10219053	A2	Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.	8/18/1998		
	/	WO	92/12206		E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company	7/23/1992		
	/	EP	0 339 743	A2	Shell Internationale Research Maatschappij B.V.	11/2/1989		
	/	WO	98/46671		E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company	10/22/1998		
	/	GB	2 168 059	A	Spalding & Evenflo Companies Inc.	6/11/1986		
	/	JP	09 221581	A	Teijin Ltd.	8/26/1997		
	/	BE	699171	A	Farbenfabriken Bayer A.-G.	11/3/1967		
	/	WO	98/03565		Henkel Corporation	1/29/1998		

**Examiner
Signature**


David Butcher

Date
Considered

10/23/02

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.



(+) inside this box

TRADEMARK OFFICE OF 1996

+

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

of

Complete if Known

Application Number.

09/960,208

Filing Date

September 22, 2001

First Named Inventor

Robert Joseph Statz, et al.

Group Art Unit

1712

Examiner Name

UNKNOWN.

Attorney Docket Number

AD6597 US CIP

OTHER PRIOR ART -- NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner
Signature

David Buttra

Date _____

Considered

10/23/02

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**

+